

Secretary's Council on Library Development

James C. Kirkpatrick Building
Conference Room 153
Jefferson City, MO

August 01, 2014

Members present: Kathryn Sanders, Donna Bacon, Sharla Buthod, Melissa Carr, James Diel, Jacque Gage, Karla Geerlings, Sallie Hancox, Rep. Tommie Pierson

Absent: Sen. S. Kiki Curls, Trevor Dawes, Dr. Stephanie DeClue, Rep. Shelley Keeney, Michelle Schmitt, Sen. Brian Munzlinger

Guests: Randy Scherr (R.J. Scherr & Associates), Gerald Brooks, Jim Schmitt, John Scott, Tracy Byerly, Natasha Angell, Pat Thomas (Sitting in for Sen. Brian Munzlinger)

Staff present: Barbara Reading, Megan Lusk, Debbie Musselman, Brenda Allee-Bates, Abbey Rimel, D. Waheeda Bilal.

The quarterly meeting of Secretary's Council was held on Friday, August 1, 2014. Sanders served as meeting chair. The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM.

Council members and guests introduced themselves. There were no announcements.

Votes on Meeting Minutes

Kathryn Sanders asked the board to approve the April 25, 2014 meeting minutes. Melissa Carr moved to approve; James Diel seconded. Approval of minutes passed unanimously, none opposed.

Library Related Legislation

Barbara Reading spoke of library related legislation. HB 1237 was passed; SB 672 was passed and signed extending the sunset on the Athlete and Entertainer's Income Tax for public libraries, as well as HB 1085 relating to privacy of library records. Sanders asked how the bill tied to pornographic laws. Reading explained that the law was more about personal information and access to databases.

Reading next mentioned the change to the criminal code chapter 570 SB 491, passed and signed. This leaves the current statute for prosecution of overdue library materials in place. There were no further questions.

Budget Withholds for FY15

Jim Schmitt, Randy Scherr, and Barbara Reading reviewed the FY15 budget withholds of library appropriations. Randy Scherr mentioned the veto session for the Missouri Legislature

would begin on September 10, 2014. Schmitt went over the MLA legislative standpoint and some of the responses from libraries.

Reading asked about contacts that were made with the legislature and what kinds of responses were being received. Melisa Carr and Jim Schmitt answered that many libraries have sent letters to the Governor. Brenda Allee-Bates mentioned that some libraries she has spoken with have told her the cuts are up to 25% of their budget.

John Scott interjected that the Secretary of State's (SOS) office is comfortable signing a letter to send to the Governor as long as language was agreed upon. Pat Thomas said that Sen. Munzlinger had received some letters but to direct the libraries to send their letters to the Governor since the legislature cannot release a withhold.

Reading reiterated that the State Library isn't able to do anything until funds are released, LSTA funds cannot be used because there is a rule against taking federal funding and replacing state funds that are lost.

MOREnet

Natasha Angell from MOREnet addressed the Council about the REAL Program appropriation contract and the \$1.4 million from reserves that MOREnet will use to cover online resources for MOREnet members this year. Angell referred to Attachment B, describing what was communicated to the library members and spoke about fees and what MOREnet is able to do and not do without a REAL Program agreement. At the time of the Council meeting, seven libraries have cancelled their MOREnet contracts.

Carr asked if withholds will impact the ability to get LSTA grants in the future? Reading replied that was a fair question because match funds have to be available.

Brenda Allee-Bates mentioned that since the State Aid is through an equalization grant and per capita state aid; the hardest hit libraries are the poorest libraries.

Carr asked if the Council should have an action such as writing a letter to the Governor. Reading said it was the Council's prerogative but the Council is also going to be included on the MLA and SOS letter. Sanders said she believed that the Council should write its own letter. Discussion followed. Diel made a motion to write a resolution. Carr seconded. Motion passed. None opposed. The resolution language is as follows:

The Secretary's Council on Library Development supports all efforts of the Secretary of State to strongly encourage the Governor to fully fund all library appropriations that were withheld during the recent FY 2015 budget withholdings.

Wolfner Update

Barbara Reading and Abbey Rimel presented a report on the current Wolfner activities. Rimel introduced herself and addressed the Council. She spoke of the recent Wolfner Recording Booth 10th anniversary celebration. She also spoke some of the trip to Oklahoma for the National Library Conference and some of the upcoming outreach programs that Wolfner has planned. Reading mentioned that Wolfner library is still in need of a director and recruitment was ongoing.

Reference Services

Reading introduced Waheedah Bilal as the new director of Reference Services. Bilal introduced herself by telling the Council some of her education and work background. Bilal also reviewed the services that Reference Services offers.

New Council Members

Sanders moved to the next item, which was recruiting for new council members and the current terms that expire in 2014.

Bacon, Munzlinger and Schmitt have the option to be reappointed if they agree. Carr, Gage, Sen. Curls, Rep. Keeney, and Hancox's terms all expire in 2014, and they have served two terms. Reading said that she had received some interest in the open positions, but also asked the Council members to refer qualified people who are interested in serving. The new terms will start January 2015.

State Librarian's Report

Reading reviewed the State Librarian's Report, Attachment C. There is an opening for a LSTA grants officer in Library Development. Reading also announced Abbey Rimel's new position in Wolfner Library, Deputy Director for Public Services. Upcoming events include Summer Institute on August 19-21, 2014, and a visit from an IMLS officer to review the LSTA program.

Upcoming Meeting

Reading said that the next meeting is November 21, 2014 and may be held by conference call. Sanders also said that there may be an emergency meeting regarding the budget withholdings and other legislative actions.

Adjourn

Geerlings motioned to adjourn; Pierson seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM